

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 20 of the application as filed (which paragraph published in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0199996 A1 as paragraph [0042]) as indicated in the following marked up paragraph:

Illustratively, second column 29 telescopes vertically relative to first column 27 under the power of an electric motor 71, illustratively a Linak LA 31 Linear Actuator with a CB9 central box, housed in first column 27, the electric motor being actuated by either a toggle switch (not shown) positioned on first column 27, or a wired or wireless remote control. Such vertical telescoping movement permits the equipment support 30 to be raised and lowered for optimal placement by a caregiver and for loading of equipment or IV bags by a caregiver. Additionally, such vertical telescoping movement can permit the docking of equipment support 30 on a post receiver mounted on a patient support, as disclosed in the patent application entitled Patient Care Equipment Management System, filed simultaneously herewith having a Ser. No. _____ (~~Attorney Docket No. 7175-74605~~) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/802,289, such application also being based upon U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/455,621, filed Mar. 18, 2003 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/510,756, filed Oct. 13, 2003. Other locations for a post receiver 73 are within the scope of the disclosure. For example, a post receiver 73 may be located in a cabinet 16 or 18, thereby permitting the docking of equipment support 30 in a cabinet as can be seen in FIG. 2. In the alternative, a post receiver may be formed in a stand positioned near patient support 12. Illustratively, second column 29 may move as much as 12-18 inches relative to first column 27. It should be understood that drivers such as hydraulic cylinders, magnetic cylinders, pneumatic cylinders, and the like may be used to move column 29 relative to column 27 in lieu of an electric motor.